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Friday, August 29, 2025



## Students return to newly renovated DPHS

Kevin Flanders

Crews perform the final jobs in the new gym.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

STAFF WRITER

SPENCER — When David Prouty High School opened its doors to students earlier this week, it also opened a new chapter in school history.

Following a busy summer of con-

struction as part of the ongoing DPHS addition-renovation project, the new academic facility and gymnasium were ready in time for the first day of school.

The building includes state-of-the-art classrooms, science labs, offices, dining areas, and study spaces, in addition to the new gymnasium and locker rooms.

“I am so proud and humbled by everyone’s commitment to this building project,” SEBRSD Superintendent Paul Haughey told the New Leader ahead of the school’s opening. “I cannot thank everyone enough for their work to bring Phase

One to a close so we can be ready for the opening of the 2025-26 school year.”

In recent weeks, DPHS staff members walked the building with construction leaders to learn about its many technologies. These include advanced communications systems, smart classroom features, and multiple security components.

Nick Pimentel, a construction representative for Colliers Engineering and Design (the project’s OPM), described several unique aspects of the new facility that celebrate Prouty’s past while preparing the next generation of Panthers.

School leaders, meanwhile, look forward to students enjoying a long-awaited modern facility.

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## New Principal takes over at North Brookfield High School



Courtesy

Brian Beck takes over as the new Principal at North Brookfield High School.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

STAFF WRITER

NORTH BROOKFIELD — With experience at all levels of public education, newly hired North Brookfield Junior-Senior High School Principal Brian Beck is looking forward to his next chapter.

Beck’s career in education began as a social studies teacher at Uxbridge High School, where he also coached three sports. He then moved on to become the assistant principal – and eventually the principal – at Mohawk Trail Regional High School.

After later serving for three years as principal of Athol High School, he spent another seven years as principal of Hopkins Academy in Hadley.

Most recently, he served for five years as the superintendent of the Gill-Montague Regional School District.

“In each of these experiences, I have brought a set

of core values that center on the belief that every student can learn at high levels, and that each child brings skills, assets, and humor that help shape a joyful community of learners,” Beck said. “I have been fortunate to have a variety of experiences that have also given me a glimpse at a broad spectrum of programs, student supports, instructional techniques, and truly effective community partnerships.”

Beck was also selected to serve on The Commission on Public Schools at the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. He looks forward to using the versatility gained through his many leadership experiences to benefit students and staff at NBHS.

“After having spent five years as a superintendent of schools, I realized that I really was,” Beck said. “Like Hopkins Academy, NBHS is a small school that will provide me with a great opportunity to get to know each student and their families.”

At each stop along his career journey, Beck has enjoyed becoming not only part of a school but a learning community. He is eager to continue meeting staff members, students, parents, and community members as the school year gets underway.

“This has been – and will continue to be – a

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## Local Kindergarteners learn about bus safety



Kevin Flanders

Youngsters board the bus for the first time.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD — Incoming Kindergarteners were introduced to school bus safety during an annual program held by AA Transportation Co., Inc.

For more than 20 years, the bus company has hosted its First Ride for Safety program. The tradition continued on August 20, with nearly 100 local youngsters and their families braving the rain to visit the AA Transportation yard on Route 9.

AA Transportation drivers and other staff members led multiple stations highlighting different aspects of bus safety. From the flashing lights and stop signs, to the many signals and directives given by the drivers, there is a lot for students to learn as they prepare for the year ahead.

“Our drivers are very happy to donate their time to help provide this program to welcome the incoming kindergarteners to bus riding,” said Melody Miller, who manages AA Transportation’s Spencer-East Brookfield and Leicester divisions. “We are thankful for the community involvement to help us keep this program going. I am amazed that we have been doing this for over 20 years.”

In addition to its educational components, the program is also intended to help ease the anxiety youngsters may experience about riding the bus. Having students ride with their parents and siblings for their first trip is a great way to help with the transition, AA

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## Spencer Cultural Council now accepting applications!

SPENCER — The largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, the Local Cultural Council (LCC) Program enriches the cultural life of all cities and towns in Massachusetts. Led by municipally appointed volunteers, LCCs award \$7.5 million every year, supporting 7,500 cultural programs that include everything from field trips to lectures, festivals, and dance performances.

The Spencer Cultural Council grant cycle opens Sept. 2 and closes Oct. 16. This is a very easy grant to apply for. Grants are awarded/denied by Jan. 1, 2026. The grants need to be completed by Dec. 31, 2026. Grants are reimbursed to grantees when paperwork is submitted after the program. For questions contact Denise at [dfarmosa@cwmar.org](mailto:dfarmosa@cwmar.org). The online application can be found at <https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process/>.

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Worcester County Sheriff Low Evangelidis works with volunteers to prepare meals for local seniors.

Courtesy

# Sheriff visits Leicester Senior Center

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — Worcester County Sheriff Low Evangelidis joined several other leaders in celebrating the end of summer with local seniors.

Each year, the Worcester County Sheriff's Office assists the Leicester Senior Center with its annual Hot Dog Picnic. Area seniors enjoy a meal that includes hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, and macaroni salad.

This year's event, held on Aug. 19, saw a strong attendance of seniors eager to catch up with their friends from the WCSO. "Today was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with friends and familiar faces at the Leicester Senior Center," Evangelidis said. "It's a pleasure to take part in the center's annual Hot Dog Picnic. With fall quickly approaching, we should cherish the days we have left to grill and enjoy summer's favorites, like hot dogs."

Meals were served to seniors by Sheriff Evangelidis, members of his staff, and Senior Center volunteers.

Additionally, Rockland Trust Bank provided supplies to make ice cream sundaes. Three members of the bank's staff assisted with serving food.

Also joining the festivities was State Senator Peter Durant, of Spencer, who helped distribute meals along with members of his staff.

All seniors in attendance received a bag of fresh organic produce from the WCSO's inmate-run organic farm. This year, the Sheriff's Office has distributed produce to every senior center in Worcester County, while also donating thousands of pounds of produce to community nonprofits and organizations serving veterans.

Produce from the farm is also used inside the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction to feed the inmate population.

"I was happy to be able to help out with Sheriff Lew's event at the Leicester Senior center," said Durant. "It was impressive to hear that the gardens at the Worcester County Jail and House of Correction are producing between 400 and 500 pounds of organic produce every day. It was wonderful to see how excited the seniors were to leave with fresh peppers, tomatoes, and squash grown by inmates in West Boylston."

Officials thank all seniors for attending the event, as well as Senior Center staff members, WCSO leaders, and event supporters.

"What a welcoming blessing it is for all who attend," said Senior Center Director Rachelle Cyr. "[WCSO community outreach director] Donna Ostiguy and her staff were here helping to fill plates with hot dogs, baked beans from Tiny Tim's Café, and potato and macaroni salad. Our Sheriff came in and addressed the crowd, and thanked all who worked so hard to make this happen."

Senior Center officials encourage local seniors to enjoy a busy schedule of upcoming fall programs.

## SPENCER ALMANAC

### REAL ESTATE

#### BROOKFIELD

\$422,000, 5 Mechanic St, True American Inc, to Wokoun, Morgan, and King, Ashley.

#### EAST BROOKFIELD

\$400,000, 109 Gleason Ave, Kelly, Shawn P, and Kelly, Cynthia, to Doane 4th, Karl.

\$360,000, 177 W Sturbridge Rd, Vandale Ft 2018, and Vandale, Jeffrey H, to Vandale, Mark R, and Vandale, Laurie A.

#### LEICESTER

\$625,000, 78 Lake Ave, Marcello, Aimee M, and Bjork, Christopher R, to Lachapelle, Richard, and Frantantonio, Michelle A.

\$517,000, 10 Brookside Dr, Reed, Kevin R, and Reed, Lisa H, to Keenan, James.

\$387,400, 1296 Main St, Pratte, Martin J, to Armstrong, Christina.

\$380,000, 190 Chapel St, Hamilton, Brian R, and Hamilton, Laura E, to Caron, Jeffrey.

\$335,000, 154 Rawson St, Wells, Jonene A, and Wells, Todd A, to Cantillon, Samuel J, and Schwartz, Emily M.

#### NORTH BROOKFIELD

\$405,000, 6 Pine Rd, Grenier Virginia M Est, and Grenier, Michael R, to Grenier, Michael R, and Grenier, Judith A.

\$345,000, 16 Saint John St, Posiadlosc LLC, to Eymard, Stepherson S.

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\$675,000, 37 Cherry St, Nick & Matt Prop LLC, to 37 Cherry St LLC.

\$600,000, 55 Brooks Pond Rd, Craftsmen Homes LLC, to Martiros, Melissa.

\$510,000, 9 Treadwell Ter, Amo N Sylvestri Jr Irt, and Measley, Stacey L, to Simoes, Maria H, and Simoes, Luis H.

\$355,000, 8 South St, Andrews, Rachael, and Andrews, Damon, to Rivas, Samuel G.

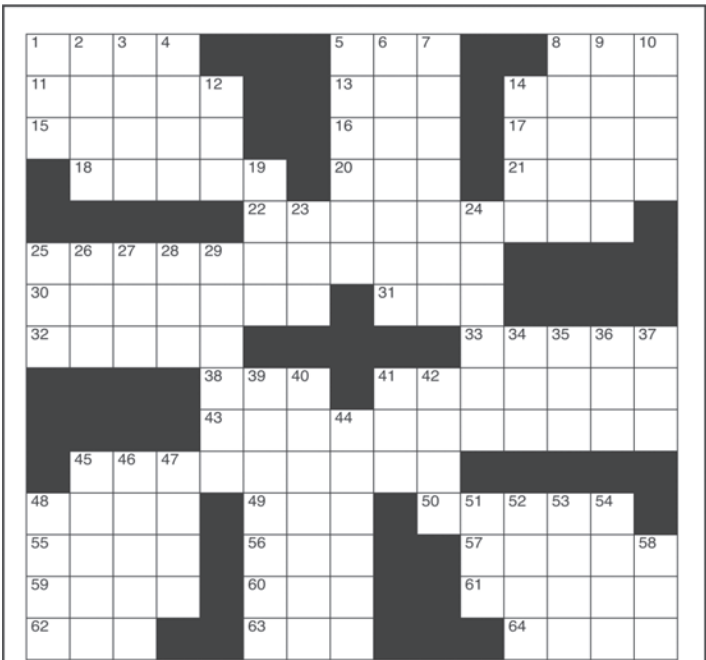
\$335,000, 3 Paxton Rd, Roberta A McGoff 2023 Irt, and Pickett, Michelle J, to Tee, Stephanie, and Nosek, Kevin M.

#### WARREN

\$30,000, Crouch Rd #3D, Green Fields Inc, to Graff, Genevieve, and Kennelly, Patrick.

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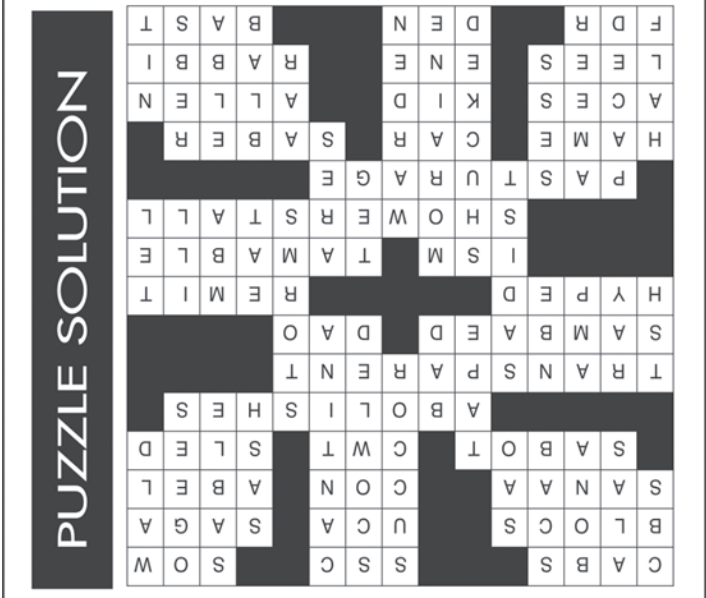


### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Taxis
- 5. Space Systems Command
- 8. Plant seed by scattering
- 11. Alliances
- 13. Fiddler crabs
- 14. Heroic tale
- 15. Yemen capital
- 16. Misleading gesture
- 17. Cain and \_\_\_
- 18. Simple shoe
- 20. Hundredweight
- 21. Children's toy in the snow
- 22. Gets rid of
- 25. Free of deceit
- 30. Performed a dance
- 31. Chinese philosophical principle
- 32. Exaggerated
- 33. Refrain from inflicting
- 38. A doctrine
- 41. Can be subdued
- 43. A place to bathe
- 45. Land used for pasture
- 48. Curved piece of iron
- 49. Automobile
- 50. Fencing sword
- 55. Breezes through
- 56. Child
- 57. NBA legend Iverson
- 59. Horsley and Iacocca are two
- 60. Midway between northeast and east
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. U.S. leader during much of WW2
- 63. Lair
- 64. Fibrous material

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Home of "60 Minutes"
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. \_\_\_ fide: legitimate
- 4. Immune response
- 5. Assistance and support
- 6. Glared
- 7. Spanish saloon
- 8. Pitch black
- 9. S-shaped lines
- 10. Statistical test
- 12. \_\_\_ Paulo, city
- 14. Graduation garb
- 19. A way to record
- 23. Not good
- 24. Weather events
- 25. A pituitary hormone
- 26. Jamie Foxx film
- 27. Rocker's accessory
- 28. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 29. One who obtains pleasure from another's pain
- 34. Consume
- 35. Licensed for Wall Street
- 36. Sick
- 37. Israeli city \_\_\_ Aviv
- 39. Removed the husk
- 40. Mass of rocks and sediment
- 41. Two-year-old sheep
- 42. Area units
- 44. Prison overseer
- 45. Walked
- 46. Wartime escort aircraft carrier
- 47. Tax
- 48. 50 percent
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Tattle
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Resist authority (slang)
- 58. Egg of a louse



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# University of Rhode Island celebrates new graduates during 2025 Commencement

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island celebrated more than 3,500 of its newest alumni during the University's 2025 Commencement. Nearly 3,600 undergraduate degrees and 600 graduate degrees were conveyed to students during the ceremonies which took place May 16-18, 2025.

Among the graduates were:

Gabriella Cervi of Spencer graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Marine Affairs

Colby Constantine of Leicester graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

Jack Dorman of West Brookfield graduated Cum Laude with a Doctor of Pharmacy

Megan Genaway of Brookfield graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Bachelor of Arts in History

Students who received the honor summa cum laude graduated with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.7; students who received the honor of magna cum laude graduated with a GPA of at least 3.50; and students who received the honor of cum laude graduated with a GPA of at least 3.3.

To view ceremony highlights, visit: [uri.edu/commencement/y2025/](http://uri.edu/commencement/y2025/).

About the University of Rhode Island

The University of Rhode Island is a diverse and dynamic community whose members are connected by a common quest for knowledge. As a global education leader and the state of Rhode Island's flagship public research institution, URI offers distinctive opportunities designed to meet the global challenges of today's world and the rapidly evolving needs of tomorrow. Founded in 1892, URI now enrolls more than 18,000 students and offers more than 200 degree programs across nine schools and colleges. As a land- and sea-grant institution, URI is a key driver of economic development in Rhode Island and contributes significantly to the health and vitality of the state, the New England region, and the nation. To learn more, visit: [uri.edu](http://uri.edu).

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## Children struck by vehicle in Leicester

LEICESTER — Police continue to investigate an incident in which two children were struck by a vehicle in a driveway.

On Aug. 19 at approximately 4:50 p.m., first responders were dispatched to 31 Hyland Ave. Several responding members of the police department, fire department, and EMS staff were previously participating in the town's Public Safety Day event on the Town Common.

Upon arrival, responders learned that two children, ages five and seven, had been struck by a vehicle in the driveway.

"Both were awake and breathing, but the five-year-old was trapped under the car," read a statement released by the police department. "Leicester Rescue safely extracted the child. Leicester EMS transported to the life flight helicopter at the public safety event, and was flown to UMass for treatment."

As of this week's press deadline, no update was available on the condition of the children.

LPD detectives continue to investigate the incident. No charges have been filed in connection with the incident.

## State Police investigate fatal motorcycle accident

WARREN — Police continue to investigate last week's fatal motorcycle accident on the Mass Pike.

On Aug. 18 at approximately 3 p.m., State Police troopers responded to I-90 West at mile marker 70.6 for a crash involving a motorcycle and a tractor-trailer unit.

Both vehicles were traveling west. The driver of the motorcycle was pronounced dead at the scene.

Warren firefighters and EMS also responded to the scene, as well as State Police sections representing Crime Scene Services and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement.

Police did not release the identity of the victim, pending family notification.

The wreck remains under investigation.

## Flea market on the West Brookfield Common

WESTBROOKFIELD—The tradition continues! The First Congregational Church, 36 N. Main St., W. Brookfield, has been hosting their Flea Market on the town Common for more than 50 years.

This year, the Flea Market will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tell your friends and come out for a day of bargains and yummy a lunch!

New this year: a tag sale inside the church. Come in for more bargains! Sellers of all kinds are welcome - flea folk, antique sellers, crafters, product vendors, and those emptying out basements and attics! No food vendors, please. Spaces are available for \$40 for a 20-by-20-foot grassy spot. Vendors must bring their own tables and tents. The church will sponsor a food tent with grilled lunch, cold drinks and sweet treats. Email Karen at [fccofwbfleamarket@gmail.com](mailto:fccofwbfleamarket@gmail.com) for an application or call her at 508-801-7692.

### Brookfield Congregational Church

will participate in the


## Town-wide Tag Sale

to be held on

Sept.6, 2025 from 9 AM -3 PM.

We will be set up on Central St. beside the Church located at 8 Common St., Brookfield, MA 01506.

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J.S.

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**The Friends of The Spencer Seniors**  
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**Wednesday September 17, 2025 @ 9:30 AM**

## Spotlight On Spencer

Town Administrator

**Jeff Bridges**

9/16

11:45-12/12:15

**MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING**  
Jim Letendre: **CHAIR**  
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Lucinda Puchalski: **MEMBER**  
Frank White: **MEMBER**  
Meg Letendre: **MEMBER**  
**DIRECTOR:** April Caruso  
**OUTREACH COORDINATOR:**  
Nicole MacLeod  
**Next Meeting: 10/14/25 @ 4PM**

## September is

### National Senior Center Month

To celebrate the Friends of The Spencer Seniors are hosting an afternoon of

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**Monday 9/29**

**From 11:30-1:00PM**



**All programs funded through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA)**

### Summit Eldercare

Presentation: Social Connections

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\*Longevity

Thursday 9/4 11:45-12:30PM



### Retired “Friends” Club of Greendale

Will be here singing on

Wednesday 9/17

11:00-12:00PM



### Office Hours

Donna Farmer from Rep. Berthiaume's Office

&

Tammy Ruda from Rep. Marsi's Office

Will be at the Senior Center

9/10 10:00-11:00AM

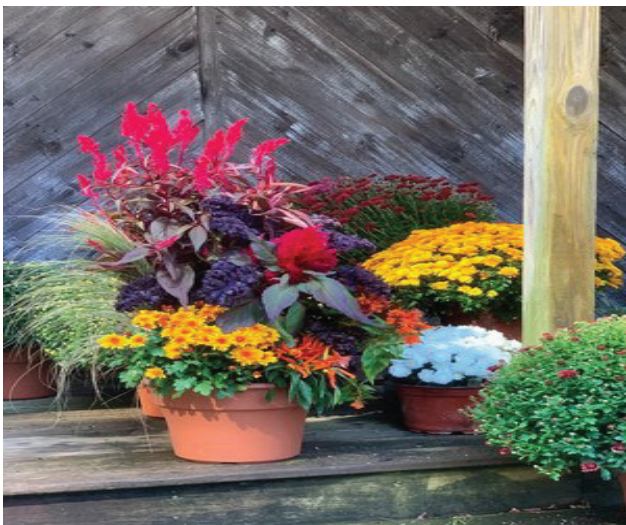
### Tina Bemis Class

Fall Porch Pot

Wednesday 9/24 10:00-11:00AM

\$25 per person

Must sign up in Advance



### Quaboag Rehabilitation

&

### Skilled Nursing Center

Blood pressure Clinic

Thursday 9/25 10:30-11:30



Riddle: What is always coming but never arrives?

Answer: Tomorrow



September Menu

9/2-Spaghetti & Meatballs, Marinara Sauce, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit, Italian Bread

\*9/4-Honey Mustard Pork, Red Bliss Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Cinnamon Pears, Marble Rye Bread

9/9-Braised Beef, Gemelli Pasta, Broccoli, Pear Crisp, Italian Bread

9/11-Soup & Sandwich

\*9/16-Hot Dog, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Baked Apples, Hot Dog Bun, Mustard

9/18-Baked Potato w/ Chili & Cheese, Jardiniere Vegetables, Fresh Fruit, Sour Cream, Pumpernickel Bread

9/23-Meatloaf w/ Gravy, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Chuckwagon Corn, Apple Crisp, Whole Wheat Bread

9/25-Greek Chicken, Lemon Seasoned Potatoes, Country Blend Vegetables, Birthday Cake, Marble Rye Bread

9/30-Teriyaki Beef, Steamed Rice, Broccoli, Pineapple, Fortune Cookie, Whole Wheat Bread

(\*) Indicates High Sodium Meals

All meals are a suggested \$3 donation for anyone 60+ and a \$6 donation for anyone under 60



You must sign up 48 hours in advance.



Memory Café

Monday September 29th

12:00-1:00

A memory cafe is a social gathering designed to support individuals living with dementia, Alzheimer's disease, or other cognitive impairments, along with their care partners. It provides a safe, judgment-free environment for people to connect with others who understand their experiences, participate in activities, and enjoy social interaction. These cafes offer a sense of community, reducing isolation and promoting well-being

Next month is Open Enrollment for Medicare, if you are unsure about insurance or need assistance call the Senior Center to schedule an appointment w/ our Certified SHINE Counselor. 508-885-7546



The Medicare Open Enrollment Period (also known as the Annual Enrollment Period) for 2025 is October 15 to December 7. During this time, anyone with Medicare can make changes to their coverage for the following year. This includes enrolling in a new Medicare Advantage plan, switching between plans, or changing prescription drug coverage.

SPENCER SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

AEROBIC EXERCISE CLASS: Exercise geared to seniors and led by a certified fitness instructor. Have fun and move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscle strength, range of motion and activities of daily living. Tuesday and Thursday 10:30-11:30. \$30 for 3 months.

BINGO: Every Tuesday & Thursday at 1:00 PM. Come early to prepare.

BELLY DANCING: enhances core strength, improves posture, increases flexibility, and can be a great cardiovascular workout. Thursday 1:30-2:30 PM

BEGINNING LINE DANCING: Beginning line dancing is fun and progresses at a relatively slow speed. Memorization is easy at the beginning. Wednesday from 12:00-12:30.

COFFEE SOCIAL: Wednesday from 9:00-11:00.

CRIBBAGE: Every Monday from 9:30-11:30 Looking for more participants, call for information

GAMES: A variety of different games to choose from Wednesday 9:00-11:00

DANCE FITNESS CLASS: Every Wednesday 10:00-11:00, enjoy at your pace hip hop , cardio & aerobic movements. Good for core balance.

JIGSAW PUZZLE: A puzzle is always on-going in our library.

LIBRARY: Open all day every day to borrow books or to just sit and relax and enjoy a cup of coffee with friends.

LINE DANCING: Aside from being lots of fun, line dancing is beneficial in so many ways. As we age it is critical we exercise the mind as well as the body. Every Wednesday from 12:00-12:30 Beginners, 12:30-1:30 Intermediate, 1:30-2:30 Advanced

LOW IMPACT EXERCISE: This class is geared to seniors who might find the regular Aerobics class a little too strenuous. Led by a certified fitness instructor. Every Monday from 1:00-2:00.

LUNCH: Check the Grapevine monthly newsletter for lunches offered at the senior center. Donation is \$3 and reservations must be made 48 hours in advance by calling the senior center. (508)885-7546

MEMORY CAFÉ: For individuals suffering from memory loss/cognitive impairment. Last Monday of each month 12:00-1:00 ALL ARE WELCOME

MIXED BAG DANCE CLASS: Every Monday 11:30-12:15 A mix of different dance classes weekly

MOVIE MATINEE: Second Monday of each month from 12:00-2:00. (Popcorn and snacks available)

PITCH: Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM, If you can't commit to every week please sign up as an alternate. 12 week commitment/tournament

POOL TABLE: We have a pool table that's always available for use.

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EDITORIAL

So much more  
than fairs—  
Labor Day in  
Spencer

Labor Day weekend has long been seen as the unofficial end of summer, and here in Spencer, it carries a special weight. For many, it's the last chance to squeeze in a day trip, a cookout, or a lazy afternoon before routines return with the start of school and the shortening of days. In Spencer, as well as in Leicester and Cherry Valley, our communities know how to make the most of the season's closing chapter—without relying on the bustle of fairs.

This is a weekend tailor-made for exploring our outdoor beauty. Hikers can lace up their boots and head for Spencer State Forest or follow the Midstate Trail, which cuts right through town and offers glimpses of ponds, stone walls, and the earliest touches of fall color. Cyclists and walkers can enjoy the Depot Rail Trail, a family-friendly route that traces the path of the old Boston & Albany Railroad.

For those who prefer the water, Spencer is blessed with quiet places to cast a line or set out a kayak. Howe Pond provides a peaceful picnic backdrop, while Browning Pond, just over the line in Oakham, is popular for boating, swimming, and fishing. A leisurely paddle or an hour spent on the shoreline reminds us how close nature really is to our front doors.

The season is also perfect for rediscovering local history and culture. The Richard Sugden Library, gifted to the town of Spencer in 1889, still anchors downtown life with a steady calendar of programs. Many also make a reflective trip to St. Joseph's Abbey, where the monks' jams and preserves carry on a tradition of quiet craftsmanship.

Leicester and Cherry Valley have their own treasures to share. The Leicester Town Common remains a gathering place for music, farmers' markets, and simple relaxation under the shade of historic trees. Outdoor enthusiasts can head to the Sibley and Warner Farm Conservation Lands, a beautiful stretch of meadows, wetlands, and forest that connects directly to the Midstate Trail. Cherry Valley, with its winding roads and country character, offers the kind of scenic drives and picnic spots that remind us how good it feels to simply take things slow.

And let's not forget the simple joys: a late-summer ice cream at Howe's Dairy, a stop at a local farm stand for fresh produce, or an evening stroll across Leicester's green. Sometimes the best way to celebrate is the simplest one—gathering with neighbors and savoring the fleeting warmth of an August evening.

As we say goodbye to summer, let's do it in true local fashion: with gratitude for our surroundings, pride in our traditions, and time well spent in the places that make Spencer, Leicester, and Cherry Valley feel like home.

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OPINION AND COMMENTARY FROM SPENCER, LEICESTER AND THE BROOKFIELDS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Are you a proud American?

To the Editor:

With both grandfathers, my father, all of my uncles, and both of my sons, vets, and two of my three grandkids currently in uniform, there can be no question about my families allegiance and support of the USA. I grew up in a "my country, right or wrong" way, and was taught to revere our history, and the evolution of our constitution over the years. Whether by taking up arms, or just exerting our influence, I always believed that, like Superman, we stood for truth, justice and the American way.

"Taxation without representation" was the chant 250 years ago. There has always been realization that goods and services must be funded somehow; We always hoped that spending of those funds, would be as judicious as a frugal homemaker. I will not address that the most expensive, least efficient way to do anything is letting government do it. That said, it would seem logical to at least prioritize spending. Trump created a Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). The GAO informs us that current status is cost, not savings.

Among the savings is elimination of the half billion dollar cost of Consumer Protection that returned \$18 billion to consumers (because fraud no longer exists?). We removed enough dead weight from the VA and SS that getting anyone on the phone has lottery odds. A favorite of mine is eliminating USAID. We recently incinerated 500 tons of undelivered food, accounting for over 400 million deaths, bankrupting farmers who supported the program, eliminating the path other charities and churches used to deliver drugs, care and services. We cut the \$3 billion budget of national parks that produced \$55 billion in revenue, closing trails, attractions and services. We did fund adding 31,000 masked stormtrooper ICE agents. The governor of Nebraska recently "thanked" Trump because with the pickers gone, they

lose the taxes they pay, and revenue they spend, will default on delivery of \$2 billion in soy, and expect their net loss to exceed \$15 billion.

There is one place where the revenue is way up — tariffs. While that bill may not come direct to your mailbox, other countries do not pay, we do, so watch how prices in general go up. If you think these savings and revenue should be reducing the deficit — wrong. The Big Bad Bill is removing food and healthcare benefits for millions, while borrowing trillions for tax cuts for billionaires.

Did everyone enjoy watching US service members, rolling out the red carpet for a wanted terrorist and lying thug? Zelenskyy would not even visit the White House alone because he knew Trump would favor Putin's agenda. He seems to accept and consider Russia seizure of Crimea a done deal, so is pushing ceding the Donbas, which is 20 percent of the rest of Ukraine, arguing that Russia deserves it for losing so many soldiers in the invasion. Also, keep Ukraine out of NATO (so he can grab the rest of Ukraine later). Discussing security guarantees is crazy. Putin has broken all 25 prior agreements, as did we when we guaranteed Ukraine's border integrity for giving up nukes under Bush #43.

D.C. is just the beginning of martial law. If the gerrymandering does not produce the results he seeks, he will abandon the attempts to control who votes, in favor of the Stalin plan—control who counts the votes. I can only speculate what kind of mob style fix will keep you from the testimony of the young girls Epstein dressed as maids and put in room with Trump. If you think there is still insufficient evidence that he is a pervert, you are not paying attention.

KEN KIMBALL  
BROOKFIELD

The increasing devastation of global  
warming and what you can do about it

To the Editor:

In these difficult times, we experience for no good reason, armed troops on the streets of Democratic cities, on going presidential attacks on democratic principles such as free and fair elections, and the operation of private businesses and independent public institutions

Even in all this, let us not forget the MAGA Trump negative impacts on deadly climate change. These includes ever increasing;

- Air pollution from wild fires,
- Difficulty in food and other agricultural production,
- Spread of tropical diseases,
- Numbers and more powerful hurricanes,
- Rain and flooding
- Climate causing migration
- Lake algae and pollution and
- Higher temperatures and increasing heat illnesses and deaths

Overall, in the first few months

of its rule, the new MAGA Trump Administration has taken over 150 actions against our efforts to control global warming and protecting the environment. They have done this by discouraging the production of clean energy and giving favors to the climate and environment damaging fossil fuel industry companies and its billionaires. They have also done this by cancelling rules, legislations and agreements protecting the environment and a livable climate for our children and grandchildren.

What to do about it? You can assist organizations working for free and fair elections and the election of candidates that will reduce the power of MAGA Trumps. You can identify and support local activities and organizations that fight against global warming and for protecting our environment.

KEVIN KANE  
SPENCER

Friends!

You can have the strongest mindset in the world, but hang out with the wrong people, and that mindset will begin to sink like an anchor.

I remember my parents drawing strict lines around who I could hang with—and it infuriated me. They were my friends, after all. But as I've grown, I've realized my parents understood something my youthful optimism didn't: the attitudes, habits, and moods of others seep into your life—unnoticed, until they've stuck.

I was a sneaky teenager, a little rebellious, always finding ways to hang out with my friends despite my parents' disapproval. Over time, I started to notice some-

thing strange—my thoughts, my behavior, even the way I talked started to sound less like me and more like them. Deep down, I knew something was off, because the way I was thinking didn't line up with how my parents raised me—it was more like I had borrowed my friend's mind without realizing it.

My dad took me to see the famous motivational speaker Jim Rohn one time, and I heard Mr. Rohn say, "You are the average of the five people you spend the most time with." At the time, it sounded like one of those catchy quotes you jot down and forget. But as the years have gone on, I've realized it was more than a nice line—it was a

scientific truth.

Ever hear of mirror neurons? These are neurons in your brain that fire when you see someone else act or feel something. In a way, your brain copies them without asking permission. Studies show that if your friends are negative, lazy, or full of doubt, your brain begins to mirror that state. Your focus drops, your motivation decreases, and slowly, their reality becomes your reality. You begin to think and act like them.

And it doesn't stop with your closest circle. Researchers at MIT ran a study on the "hidden influence of social networks." They found that our moods, choices, and even levels of ambition ripple out three degrees.

Financial tips  
for first-time  
college students



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Sending your child to college is an exciting milestone filled with new experiences, friendships and opportunities for them to grow. For many families, it's also the first time your student will be managing their own money independently.

The good news is that helping your child develop smart money habits doesn't have to be overwhelming. With a few simple strategies, you can guide them to take control of their finances and avoid common pitfalls that trip up many college students.

Start with a budget. Creating a budget might sound boring, but it's instrumental in helping your student take control of their finances. Many people use the 50/30/20 rule, which calls for putting 50 percent of income toward needs, 30 percent toward wants and 20 percent toward savings and other financial goals. So, if your child has \$1,000 per month from financial aid, work or family support, they'd spend \$500 on essentials like textbooks and food, \$300 on fun activities and \$200 on savings or paying down debt.

Encourage them to track their spending and subtract anything they pay out from their total monthly funds. This helps them know exactly how much money they have at any given time. There are plenty of free apps to help monitor expenses, or they can simply use a notebook to write down what they spend each day.

Guide them toward smart credit habits. That first credit card in college can be both exciting and scary for parents. The key is helping students understand how to use credit wisely by paying off their balance on time every month. This helps build a positive credit history that will help them qualify for better rates on car loans, apartments and eventually a home mortgage.

Make sure your student understands that credit cards aren't free money. It takes discipline to charge only what they can afford to pay off completely when the bill arrives. Otherwise, late fees and interest charges can be substantial.

Pay attention to everyday expenses. College life doesn't have to break the bank. Remind your child to take advantage of student discounts available at restaurants, clothing and grocery stores and entertainment venues.

Help them set spending limits for discretionary categories like entertainment, dining out and personal expenses. Here's where that budget can help set clear limits to prevent overspending. It's easier to say no to that expensive coffee or designer clothing when they know it would put them over their weekly limit.

Think about the future. While it might seem early to worry about life after college, making smart financial moves now can benefit them later. If your student has loans, consider encouraging them to make small payments while they're still in school, even though they're not required to do so. This reduces the amount of interest that builds up over time.

Encourage an emergency fund, even if they can only save \$25 per week. Having money set aside can give them flexibility after graduation, whether they want to move to a new city for a job, take time to travel, purchase a used car or pursue graduate school.

Teaching your child to manage money in college isn't just about helping them survive until graduation. The habits they develop now will shape their financial future for decades to come. By guiding them to start with a simple budget, use credit responsibly and make thoughtful spending choices, you're helping set the stage for success in college and beyond.

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# Apple Season is Here!

For over a century New England has been hailed for its exceptional apples, and for generations of families, the local apple harvest has come to represent an abundance of both fruit and

## Summer antiquing



We are nearing the end of the summer, but there are still plenty of opportunities to do some antique hunting before the cold weather sets in.



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September is a good time to take in the Brimfield Antique Flea Market. The last of three Brimfield shows takes place Sept. 2 through Sept. 7. The flea market itself is nearing antique status. The first show took place in 1959, over 65 years ago. Here are some insider tips if you plan to attend. Serious bidders get there early. A lot of the best finds are found when the dealers first start putting out their wares. Be ready for any kind of New England weather. It can be incredibly hot and dry one day. The next day there may be torrential rain, and the fields could be flooded. I've been there overnight in the fall and there was frost on the ground during the night. Be ready for lots of walking and say hydrated. The food court and several other places offer you a nice play for a midday break after all the walking.

Mariers-Palmer Antique Flea Market runs prior to Brimfield during all three sessions. Their last session runs from Aug. 28 to Sept. 1. I've seen Brimfield dealers set up there prior to Brimfield and dealers and buyers hunting for items prior to Brimfield.

The Web site for Elephant's Trunk in New Milford, Conn. says that it's the largest weekly flea market in New England. They are open every Sunday from April to December. The gates open for dealers at 4:15 a.m. Early buyers can enter from 5:30 to 6:45 a.m. for a \$20 entry fee. General admission from 7 a.m. on is \$7. Elephant's Trunk claims to have a different mix of vendors every week.

The Mansfield Flea Market at the Mansfield Drive-Inn in Connecticut is listed as Eastern Connecticut's largest flea market. Their website lists antiques and new and used items among the offerings. Admission is \$3 per car and runs on Sundays from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The Grafton Flea Market's website says that it's been in business for over 40 years. It's located in Grafton, Mass. and runs from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. It also has a mix of antiques, new, and used items.

The Rietta Flea Market in Hubbardston, Mass. opens for vendors at 5 a.m., and is open to buyers at 6:30 a.m. on Sundays. Their Web site describes it as "one of the largest and most popular outdoor and indoor flea markets in the Northeastern United States."

Todd Farm Flea Market in Rowley, Mass. has an antiques focus. The flea market is open to customers on Sundays from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. from April to November. I have yet to attend but many reviews mention their food offerings of coffee, scones, donuts, and burgers. So, even if you don't find the antiques you wanted, you won't go away hungry.

Our online auction of the Harlansburg Transportation Museum in Pennsylvania is running and ends on Sept. 9. We continue to work on the Laurel and Hardy memorabilia auction and Civil War memorabilia auction. We are accepting quality consignments for other upcoming auctions. Please visit our Web site, <https://centralmassauctions.com>, for links to upcoming events.

Contact us to consign items or for auction information at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique, Collectibles Auctions and Appraisal Services [info@centralmassauctions.com](mailto:info@centralmassauctions.com) or (508-612-6111).

fun. As we welcome this year's apple crop, this column features some insight an

Want another reason to visit local apple orchards this season other than the farm experience which often includes "pick your own apples", tractor rides, fresh pressed cider and baked goods? How about this: Local apples are consistently fresh. Buying apples in season at the grocery store doesn't necessarily mean you're getting that season's crop of apples. In fact if you buy imported apples at the supermarket, chances are they are over a year old!

According to Martin Lindstrom, author of Brainwashed: Tricks Companies Use to Manipulate Our Minds and Persuade Us to Buy, the average imported supermarket apple is 14 months old.

U.S. farmers produced approximately 260 million bushels of apples last year. Apple Crop Facts for 2024 reveals the annual crop of orchard apples were consumed as such:

Approximately 67% of the U.S. crop is eaten fresh and one-third goes to processed uses (apple juice, applesauce, apple butter, packaged apple slices, etc.)

Apple varieties change over time. Today, Gala claims the title of the most produced apple, knocking Red Delicious of the list a half dozen years ago. (Note: Red Delicious was the top grown apple for 50 years.)

As consumer tastes shift, apple growers adapt their orchards, but trimming the trees down to a main trunk and several large branches, and then grafting growing tips of the new variety into those remaining branches. This allows growers to quickly produce the new variety to meet consumer demand. An example of this is Honeycrisp, which was developed in the 1960s, but not introduced commercially until 1997. It is ranked among the most popular apple today.

Some favorite apple varieties offered at local orchards include: McIntosh; Honeycrisp; Red Delicious; Rome; Gala; Paula Red; Jersey Mac; Ginger Gold; Empire; Northern Spy; Macoun; Cortland; Baldwin; Braeburn; Spencer; Idared; Mutsu.

Did you know? The apple peel contains certain antioxidants that aren't present in the apple's flesh. Multiple



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studies have shown that the antioxidant capacity of apple peel is up to four times higher than apple flesh.

Pectin Power: Apples are high in pectin, a soluble fiber found in the tissue of plants. Plentiful in the skin and pulp of fresh apples, the substance is more than a thickener for jellies and jams. Various studies confirm pectin's valuable health benefits that include lowering cholesterol, lowering blood pressure, reducing the risk of heart disease, aiding digestion and promoting weight loss.

So what exactly is pectin's magic bullet? Pectin is a gel like complex carbohydrate that binds substances in the body. Its properties have been shown to reduce LDL (the "bad") cholesterol. Further, studies reveal pectin has the ability to absorb up to four times its weight in cholesterol

Research shows as little as two apples a day is enough to aid in cholesterol reduction.

Medical studies also show apples can help manage blood sugar in diabetics by stabilizing insulin levels normal. Pectin does this by slowing the absorption of sugar in the intestines.

In addition pectin has been hailed as an effective remedy for constipation and is being studied for bowel diseases. Further claims report the pectin in apples can accelerate weight loss.

Apples in History: Here in New England, Johnny Appleseed is hailed as a local hero as well as the father of the apple industry. Massachusetts boasts the birth of Johnny Appleseed, who was born in 1774 at Leominster, MA. Legend has it since a young man, Johnny Appleseed a.k.a John Chapman, planted apple seeds all along his walking journeys, eventually establishing orchards from Virginia to Indiana.

Read on for more ways apples have played a role in history:

\*Sir Isaac Newton's formulation of law of gravity is attributed to an apple that fell onto his head.

\*When William Tell refused to bow to an Austrian nobleman, he was forced to shoot an apple off his son's head.

\*Newton Pippin apples were the first apples exported from America in 1768, some were sent to Benjamin Franklin in London.

\* Presidents George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were apple growers. They traded apple wood with another for grafting purposes.

\*Records of the Massachusetts Bay Company indicate that apples were

grown in New England as early as 1630.

\*Gravenstein apples are thought to have come from castle Gravenstein (Denmark) in the 1600's. Today they are grown in the U.S. and Europe.

\*In 1737 Robert Prince established the first commercial apple tree nursery in America in Flushing, New York. His nursery was hailed by colonists. During the Revolutionary War the William Prince Nursery was considered so valuable it had armed guards to protect it.

\*Many travelers of the Oregon Trail brought apple trees with them as they traveled west in covered wagons. In fact, apple trees were often planted on the new homestead before even shelter.

Easy Homemade Apple Cider Have extra PIY apples you can't eat fast enough? Use your crockpot to make a warm batch with little effort!

Ingredients Ten apples; four cups water; one cinnamon stick

Directions: Wash, core and slice apples (do not peel). Place apples into slow cooker. Add four cups water. Cook on low for eight hours.

Pour into a sieve and press. Allow liquids to drain into a clean bowl. Pour liquid back into slow cooker. Press apples to collect more liquid and add to liquid in crock pot. Place a cinnamon stick into the liquid and allow it to cook for at least an hour. Serve warm or refrigerate. Spike with dark rum if desired.

Win a Three Course Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month (or whenever I receive enough tips for a column) will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email [KDRR@aol.com](mailto:KDRR@aol.com). Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

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That means your friend's friend's friend—someone you've never even met—can still be shaping your outlook.

It's called emotional contagion. Emotions spread through groups like the flu. If your circle is pessimistic, it spreads. If they're optimistic, that spreads too.

There's also something called the Default Mode Network, or DMN, in your brain. Think of it as your mental autopilot—the backdrop of your identity, self-image, and the story you tell yourself about who you are. Neuroscience shows your DMN is highly malleable. Spend too much time around people who doubt themselves, and you'll doubt yourself too.

But here's the flip side. Mirroring isn't destiny. Just as negativity rubs off on you, so does passion. Hang around people who are building, creating, chasing their vision, and your brain taps into that energy too. Watch someone take bold risks, and your own

neural circuits for courage light up. Inspiration isn't magic—it's your brain being reshaped by the people around you.

That's why Warren Buffett once said, "It's better to hang out with people better than you. Pick out associates whose behavior is better than yours and you'll drift in that direction."

And it echoes an even older truth, passed down in different forms for centuries: "Show me your friends, and I'll show you your future."

Curate your circle like it's an investment in your future. Spend time with people who believe bigger, live with more discipline, and push themselves further—not because they're flashy, but because their habits rub off on you. Their standards become your standards. Your brain literally rewires itself to match the company you keep.

So before you beat yourself up for not living up to your full potential, pause and look around. Who are you spending most of your time with? Their doubts—or their dreams—are setting the boundaries for what you believe is possible.

If your people are impatient dream-

ers, grounded believers, creative disruptors—keep them close. If they're dragging you into doubt, laziness, or "good enough" thinking, let them go—gently, but firmly.

Your brain is wiring itself every single day. Intentionally choose people who light sparks—not just for your mood, but for your mind, your vision, and your future.

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“We are so excited to welcome the students and faculty back to a building where Prouty Pride can once again flourish, and academics can be studied in a 21st century setting,” said School Committee member Jason Monette.

Addressing one of the biggest drawbacks of the old building, the new DPHS features ample space for science labs and classrooms.

Additionally, specialized spaces will accommodate Prouty’s four DESE-approved programs in Career Technical Education (CTE). These include early education and care; criminal justice; business and marketing; and environmental science and technology.

The criminal justice classroom is arranged to resemble a courtroom, including a mock judge’s bench and jury box. Moreover, students will learn various life skills in a classroom featuring a washer, dryer, and several kitchen appliances.

“As furniture began to arrive, it went from a quickly-evolving construction site to a recognizable, impressive school building,” said first-year DPHS Principal Mary LaFreniere.

Prouty student-athletes can’t

wait to compete in the new gymnasium, whose lobby features a Panther logo salvaged from the old gym. Additionally, an orange-black color scheme throughout the gym and locker rooms augments the home-court feel.

“The athletic complex is amazing. The gymnasium is so spacious, bright and full of new technology and capabilities. We are looking forward to our first home games,” said DPHS Athletic Director Thomas Miller. “The construction team was incredibly creative in being able to find a way to embed the Panther center circle from the old gym into our new lobby, which provides a wonderful contrast for the nostalgic with the beautiful new floor in the gym.”

Outside, the school’s track and football field have seen a major renovation. School leaders anticipate that Hurley Field at the Archambeault Complex will be ready for games by Oct. 1. DPHS athletes are looking forward to hosting the first games in the new facility’s history.

“The track and field are both state-of-the-art and fantastic. The bleachers are great, along with the lighting,” Miller added. “Overall, we couldn’t be happier.”

Even as students and staff begin their classes and settle into the new building, construction on

the site remains ongoing. Phase Two of the project is well underway, with several items having begun over the summer.

Construction crews carefully planned each tier of the project, enabling work to continue throughout the upcoming year while students attend classes.

“Everything had to be coordinated with the contractors. A lot of planning went into preparing the spaces for each phase,” Pimentel told the New Leader.

Construction leaders are utilizing several measures this year to ensure student safety and comfort amid a campus under construction. These include temporary walls, sealed-off spaces to allow for ongoing work, and even a temporary cafeteria that will eventually become an early education classroom.

Looking ahead to next summer, the final projects will take place at the high school to allow the pre-K facility to open inside the building in 2026. Features will include a dedicated nurse’s office, bright classroom spaces, and a dining service area – each with specialized designs and colors meant for younger learners.

“Both the East Brookfield

and Spencer communities are most deserving of such a wonderful building,” Miller said. “Superintendent Haughey, the School Committee, and School Building Committee have provided strong leadership through it all and have done a great job throughout.”

Over the summer, construction crews finished abatement and demolition work on the school’s old academic wing. This will allow for further work on the site to take place.

Additionally, the parking lots and access lanes were fully paved in time for school.

SEBRSD officials thank project leaders with Jones Whitsett Architects, Inc. (architect for the project); Fontaine Bros., Inc. (general contractor); Colliers Engineering and Design; and the rest of the construction team for helping to keep the community informed throughout the process.

Students and staff members are also thanked for their cooperation during the construction phases.

For further information about the project, visit [www.sebrsd.org](http://www.sebrsd.org).

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Who is eligible to apply for an LCC grant?

Applicants must reside or be located in Massachusetts. Local Cultural Councils may accept applications from anyone included in the list below:

Individuals.

Individual applicants must show that a public benefit results from the project for which they are applying.

Incorporated private nonprofit organizations.

Unincorporated associations that can establish a nonprofit objective.

For-profit organizations whose application demonstrates public benefit.

A group of individuals coming together with a common purpose (e.g., local community band, theater group) that do not have nonprofit status.

Public schools, libraries, other municipal agencies, and the Local Cultural Council itself.

Religious organizations. Religious organizations or groups with a religious affiliation are eligible to apply for funding for a project or program that: Is available to the general public. Has the purpose of benefiting the public, not the religious organization. LCCs cannot fund activities that are “inherently religious” such as religious worship, instruction, and proselytization.

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learning experience for me,” Beck said. “I am excited to bring my experience to this community, and I’m hopeful that I am able to provide the school with the stewardship necessary for all students to be successful in pursuing their education and preparing for college and careers.”

Ahead of the 2025-26 school year, Beck and his team are focused on several promising new

opportunities and programs.

“I am excited to be part of the first year of our Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Pathways Program. In addition, we will also be in the first year of My Career and Academic Plan (MyCAP),” Beck told the New Leader. “Each of these programs connects students directly to research on regional labor markets. This will help make learning more relevant for students by helping them make stronger connections from what they learn in school and how those efforts help prepare them for various careers and higher education.”

Outside of school, Beck enjoys playing baseball, attending concerts with his family, and running a vegetable garden.

“I grow everything from garlic, greens, cabbage, broccoli, peppers, and tomatoes, but I am most excited to be harvesting my Bradford watermelons, now in just a few weeks,” he said.

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Transportation officials said.

“The children seemed so happy and excited getting on the bus,” Miller said. “We are hoping that the students who took their first bus ride today will be more at ease taking the bus on their first day of school.”

The event also provides opportunities for students and families to meet school officials, public safety leaders, and other guests who attend the program.

“It’s always a special day when we welcome our newest students and introduce them to bus safety for the first time,” said East Brookfield Elementary School Principal Christine Lavin, who attends the program each year to greet families. “Partnering with the amazing team at AA Transportation ensures that

our kindergarteners not only learn the rules of the bus, but also start their school journey feeling safe, supported, and excited. These first experiences set the tone for a positive year ahead.”

North Brookfield Elementary School Principal Arthur Murphy also greeted families at the First Ride program.

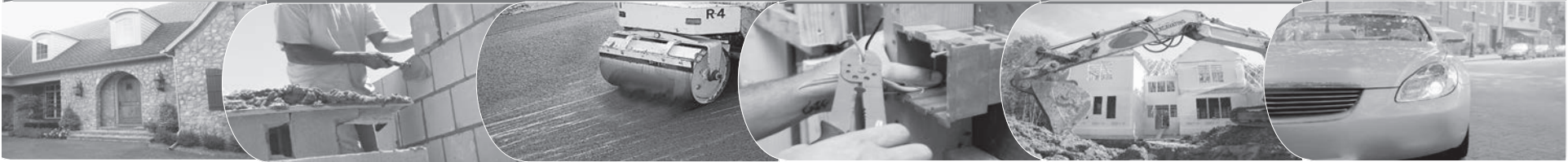
“This is a fantastic event. Even the rain hasn’t dampened the enthusiasm for families,” Murphy said. “We are looking forward to a great year, and this program is the first step.”

The AA Transportation team thanks everyone who comes together each year to make the safety program a success, including student volunteers from local middle schools and high schools.

Area first responders also volunteered at the event, including members of the East Brookfield Fire Department.



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Flowering bee lawns include traditional lawn grasses combined with other hardy grasses, like fine fescues as well as warm season centipede grass. Kentucky bluegrass and Bermuda grass also combine well with bee-friendly plants but require more ongoing care than fescues and centipede grass. You'll be creating a more diverse lawn that not only appeals to bees but also is more resilient to pests and environmental stressors than traditional lawn grasses. Consult your local university extension service for help in selecting the best lawn grasses and bee-friendly plants.



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Boost the bee and pollinator appeal of your lawn by incorporating a microclover, like this Miniclover, found to attract and support a diverse group of native bees.

Like any new addition to the landscape or garden, it does require some effort. But once established, you'll be spending less time with ongoing care like watering, mowing and fertilization.



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time or add them later as you expand your bee lawn.

Sow microclover seed in late winter, early spring, or late spring or late summer in the north. Outsidepride's Miniclover® with Nitro-Coat (outsidepride.com) aids in establishment and allows you to use no-till, minimum-till, and broadcast seeding techniques. Even though it is not native, research found clover attracts and supports a diverse group of native bees.

Once your bee lawn is established, mow high, at least three inches, so the

flowering plants can bloom and support the bees and other visiting pollinators. Leave the grass clippings on the lawn. This is a good practice for both traditional and bee lawns. Short clippings break down quickly, adding moisture and nutrients back to the soil. Once established, you'll only need to water during extended dry periods, and seldom if any, fertilization. Skip the pesticides that can harm the pollinators you are trying to attract.

Increase your landscape's pollinator appeal further by growing more bee- and pollinator-friendly plants in your gardens. Helping these important mem-

bers of our community is good for the environment and all of us.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* instant video series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Outsidepride for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

Start by evaluating your current lawn situation. If grass is growing well in the area, so will a bee lawn. This is not an all or nothing endeavor and like any new undertaking, starting small is always a good strategy.

Consider converting just lesser-used spaces. This allows bees and butterflies to forage in peace. And even though native bees are docile and typically don't sting, neither the kids nor bees want to share the same space.

Keep your neighbors in mind when selecting a space for your bee lawn. Those neighbors with pristine lawns may be less tolerant of your bee lawn. Selecting areas surrounded by walks and drives will also help keep aggressive plants in bounds.

Consider starting your bee lawn by overseeding the white microclover into your existing lawn. Clover is adaptable, tolerates foot traffic and drought, and blooms for a long period, providing bees with high-sugar-content nectar and protein-rich pollen. Microclover can also be combined with other bee-friendly plants. You can seed these at the same

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# OBITUARY

## Ann M. Loftus, 89



SPENCER: Ann M. (Meloche) Loftus, 89, died Saturday, August 23rd at UMass Hospital Lake Ave. Campus in Worcester. She was the wife of Stephen H. Loftus, Jr. who died in 1999. She leaves a son, Timothy S. Loftus of Oxford, three daughters, Maggie E. Loftus of Essex Junction, VT., Susan K. Gauthier and her husband Stephen of W. Boylston, Lucia Madajova-Wind of Fairfax, VA, six grandchildren; Caitlin Skinner, Sam Loftus, Bridget LeBlanc, Erin Loftus, Nolan Gauthier, Katie Gauthier, five great-grandchildren; Madison, Sophie, Logan, Jack and Charlie and nieces and nephews. Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of Charles & Katherine (Nolan) Meloche, Sr.

Ann was a school teacher at the David Prouty Intermediate School in Spencer for 30 years, retiring in 1999. She was a graduate of David Prouty High School, in Spencer, Class of 1953 and Our Lady of the Elms College in Chicopee, Class of 1957. She was a member of the MA Retired Teachers Association and volunteered at Hope Lodge, Why Me & Sherry's House and the Hanover Theater. The funeral will be held Friday, August 29th from the J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer, with a Mass at 10 A.M. in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church St., Spencer. Burial will follow in Mary, Queen of the Rosary Cemetery, Spencer. Calling hours are Thursday from 5-7 P.M. in the funeral home. Donations in Ann's name may be made to Why Me & Sherry's House, 1152 Pleasant St., Worcester, MA 01602. [www.morinfuneralhomes.com](http://www.morinfuneralhomes.com)

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# POLICE REPORTS

## Leicester Police Log

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

12:52 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 1:17 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 5:13 a.m.: disturbance (River Street), report taken; 7:27 a.m.: ambulance (Watch Street), transported; 10:18 a.m.: welfare check (Brickyard Road), assisted; 10:36 a.m.: ambulance (Soojians Drive), transported; 1:31 p.m.: threats (Craig Street), report taken; 3:01 p.m.: ambulance (Leela Lane), transported; 3:50 p.m.: assist other PD (River Street), message delivered; 4:49 p.m.: family problem (Stafford Street), peace restored; 5:05 p.m.: restraining order service (Craig Street), served; 6:49 p.m.: property found (Main Street), message delivered; 7:23 p.m.: assist other PD (Main Street), resolved.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

2:34 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Soojians Drive), spoken to; 5:17 a.m.: ambulance (Grove Street), transported; 5:26 a.m.: debris in road (Henshaw Street), resolved; 6:33 a.m.: ambulance (Lexington Avenue), transported; 7:17 a.m.: larceny (Pine Street), report taken; 7:26 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), spoken to; 8:19 a.m.: assist other PD (Flint Way), no service; 9:13 a.m.: vandalism (Newfield Street), report taken; 9:25 a.m.: ambulance (Stafford Street), transported; 11:11 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 4:19 p.m.: welfare check (Soojians Drive), services rendered; 4:47 p.m.: assist other agency (Pleasant Street), service rendered; 5:14 p.m.: vandalism (Stafford Street), report taken; 11:25 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), assisted.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

1:21 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 1:38 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 8:11 a.m.: investigation (Scott Lane), report taken; 8:29 a.m.: debris in road (Main Street), resolved; 8:31 a.m.: investigation (Newfield Street), report taken; 12:27 p.m.: ambulance (Winslow Street), transported; 12:46 p.m.: erratic operator (Main Street), spoken to; 1:44 p.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 3:14 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), transported; 4:01 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), report taken; 5:28 p.m.: assist citizen (Henshaw Street); 8:47 p.m.: abandoned 911 call (Billy's Way), no action required.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

3:26 a.m.: welfare check (Henshaw Street), spoken to; 6:22 a.m.: malicious mischief (Sconset Avenue), spoken to; 6:38 a.m.: assist citizen (Henshaw Street); 8:54 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 9:18 a.m.: investigation (Felix Street), report taken; 9:59 a.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 10:51 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), Hannah Lee Anderson, 28, 810 Town Farm Road, North Brookfield, op w/ license suspended for OUI, unregistered mv, lights violation, possession Class E drug, arrest; 1:05 p.m.: assist other PD (Chickering Road, Spencer), services rendered; 2:35 p.m.: assist other PD (Olde Lantern Circle, Paxton), services rendered; 2:59 p.m.: ambulance (Chapel Street), transported; 3:32 p.m.: welfare check (Parker Street), transported to hospital; 3:49 p.m.: disabled mv (Henshaw Street), assisted; 4:32 investigation (Mannville Street), report taken; 5:08 p.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 5:24 p.m.: fraud (Soojians Drive), investigated; 9:15 p.m.: family problem (Main Street), resolved.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

3:55 a.m.: suspicious mv (Paxton Street), unable to locate; 8:56 a.m.: mv stop (Stafford Street), verbal warning; 10:10 a.m.: mv stop (Mannville Road), verbal warning; 10:23 a.m.: mv stop (Paxton Street), verbal warning; 10:34 a.m.: investigation (Soojians Drive), name and address redacted from police log, larceny under \$1200, criminal application issued; 11:16 a.m.: assist citizen (Hemlock Street); 11:49 a.m.: ambulance (Grove Street), transported; 1:27 p.m.: assist citizen (South Main Street); 2:31 p.m.: ambulance (Woodland Road), transported; 2:57 p.m.: animal complaint (Mt. Pleasant Avenue), referred; 3:20 p.m.: shoplifting (Soojians Drive), Kevin R. Provencher, 47, 2209 Talbot Way, Westborough, shoplifting by asportation/3rd offense, trespassing, resisting arrest, arrest; Jennifer A. McInnis, 48, 5 Dale Court, Rochdale, shoplifting by asportation/3rd offense, trespassing, arrest; 5:57 p.m.: ambulance (Pine Street), transported; 7:14 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 7:39 p.m.: summons service (Rawson Street), served; 9:43 p.m.: family problem (Upton Street), transported/destination not noted on police log; 9:55 p.m.: ambulance (Upton Street), no service; 10:59 p.m.: welfare check (Pleasant Street), gone on arrival; 11:34 p.m.: disturbance (Pine Street), resolved; 11:59 p.m.: erratic operator (River Street), Clark E. Brown, 54, 415 Cemetery Road, Cobleskill, NY, OUI liquor/2nd offense, negligent operation, marked lanes violation, arrest.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

2:39 a.m.: mv stop (South Main Street), verbal warning; 4:58 a.m.: assist other PD (South Main Street), services rendered; 7:39 a.m.: suspicious person (Main Street), unable to locate; 8:58 a.m.: assist citizen (Main Street); 11:33 a.m.: accident (Soojians Drive), report taken; 4:14 p.m.: parking complaint

(Marlboro Drive), services rendered; 4:51 p.m.: ambulance (Hyland Avenue), transported; 5:04 p.m.: keep the peace (Stafford Street), report taken; 6:08 p.m.: erratic operator (Stafford Street), unable to locate; 7:05 p.m.: suspicious mv (Henshaw Street), resolved; 7:34 p.m.: erratic operator (Stafford Street), gone on arrival; 8:14 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 9:50 p.m.: noise complaint (Main Street), spoken to; 10:14 p.m.: ambulance (Meadow Lane), transported; 11:24 p.m.: assist citizen (Stafford Street); 11:49 p.m.: welfare check (Main Street), assisted.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

1:03 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 4:11 a.m.: ambulance (Main Street), transported; 9:44 a.m.: investigation (Henshaw Street), report taken; 10:03 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:21 a.m.: mv stop (Main Street), verbal warning; 10:50 a.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 10:59 a.m.: search warrant service (South Main Street), resolved; 11:20 a.m.: ambulance (Henshaw Street), transported; 12:28 p.m.: malicious mischief (Main Street), resolved; 12:33 p.m.: fraud (Parker Street), report taken; 1:45 p.m.: accident (Soojians Drive), report taken; 4:16 p.m.: ambulance (Huntoon Memorial Highway), transported; 4:32 p.m.: keep the peace (Craig Street), peace restored; 6:27 p.m.: assist other PD (Stafford Street), unable to locate; 10:15 p.m.: ambulance (Bunker Hill Road), transported.

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## Spencer Police Log

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

12:05 a.m.: juvenile matter (Meadow Road), resolved; 12:17-1:33 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 5:26 a.m.: mutual aid (Chickering Road), assist Leicester PD; 7:04 a.m.: accident (Mechanic Street), report taken; 7:47 a.m.: parking complaint (Chestnut Street), mv in d/way; 8:59 a.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), spoken to; 9:00 a.m.: medical/general (Sumner Street); 9:22 a.m.: parking complaint (Thompson Pond Road), mvs parked wrong way; 10:18 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), spoken to; 10:47 a.m.: residential alarm (McCormick Street), services rendered; 1:04 p.m.: medical/general (Adams Street), 1:05 p.m.: disabled mv (North Spencer Road), assisted; 1:36 p.m.: medical/general (Paxton Road); 1:51 p.m.: lost/found (Mechanic Street), keys found; 2:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), re: eviction; 3:16 p.m.: medical/general (Jolicoeur Avenue); 3:44 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Leicester PD bolo; 4:15 p.m.: mv complaint (Pleasant Street), c/o mvs speeding; 4:15 p.m. fire alarm (Crestview Drive), referred; 4:22 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 5:21 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 5:33 p.m.: animal complaint (Valley Street), rep. poss. abuse; 6:11 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Leicester PD bolo; 10:43 p.m.: 911 call (Condon Drive), hang-up; (total daily mv stops – 2).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

12:18- 12:42 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:34 a.m.: juvenile matter (Smithville Road), resolved; 1:02 a.m.: suspicious persons (Main Street), services rendered; 1:36 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), assist West Brookfield PD; 3:25 a.m.: DPW call (Charlton Road), tree across road; 3:59 a.m.: officer wanted (Meadowbrook Road), rep. stolen phone; 6:47 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 6:47 a.m.: FID card issued (West Main Street), assisted; 8:16 a.m.: officer wanted (Smithville Road), req. welfare check; 9:16 a.m.: officer wanted (Clark Terrace), req. check on employee; 11:55 a.m.: animal complaint (Old East Charlton Road), rep. dog in mv; 12:06 p.m.: officer wanted (McDonald Street), req. officer to residence; 12:15 p.m.: medical/general (Church Street), 12:40 p.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), req. property check; 1:52 p.m.: fraud (South Spencer Road), report taken; 1:54 p.m.: fire alarm (Woodside Road), referred; 2:21 p.m.: officer wanted (Pleasant Street), concerns re: food; 2:59 p.m.: suspicious persons (Town House Court), services rendered; 4:04 p.m.: mv lockout (McCormick Road), assisted; 4:25 p.m.: officer wanted (Mechanic Street), req. welfare checks; 4:38 p.m.: mv repossessed (Langevin Street), info rec'd; 5:00 p.m.: medical/general (Northwest Road); 6:19 p.m.: fire/woods/grass (Franklin Street), kids/campfire; 6:38 p.m.: medical/general (Holmes Street); 7:15 p.m.: animal complaint (Ash Street), c/o dog barking; 8:40 p.m.: suspicious persons (Bixby Road), resolved; 11:12 p.m.: fire alarm (Meadow Road), referred; (total daily mv stops – 6).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

12:17-1:45 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:40 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Cherry Street), response not noted on police log; 2:36 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), North Brookfield PD bolo; 2:45 a.m.: building checked, secure; 6:11 a.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 6:32 a.m.: disturbance (Mechanic Street), noise complaint; 7:21 a.m.: 911 call (Northwest Road), misdial; 7:36 a.m.: parking violation (Pleasant Street), ticket issued; 8:40



# POLICE REPORTS

a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 9:13 a.m.: officer wanted (Kittredge Road), house lockout; 11:00 a.m.: DPW call (Maple Street), stone/asphalt in road; 2:15 p.m.: fraud (Craig Street), report taken; 3:00 p.m. lost/found (Bixby Road), iPad found; 3:25 p.m. mutual aid (West Main Street), rep. fight/location not noted on police log; 3:37 p.m.: residential alarm (McCormick Road), services rendered; 4:12 p.m.: fraud (West Main Street), report taken; 5:50 p.m.: mutual aid (Northwest Road), assist Worcester PD; 8:30 p.m.: juvenile matter (Pleasant Street), spoken to; 8:41 p.m.: medical/general (Bacon Hill Road); 8:59 p.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 9:03 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village), lift assist; 9:10 p.m.: medical/general (Thompson Pond Road); 9:46 p.m.: officer wanted (Wm. Casey Road), client fled/req. assistance; 11:03 p.m.: medical/general (Delude Avenue); 11:39 p.m.: suspicious mv (Main Street), investigated; (total daily mv stops – 2).

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16**  
12:17-2:37 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 12:33 a.m.: abandoned mv (Howe Road), services rendered; 3:05 a.m.: suspicious mv (West Main Street), investigated; 4:53 a.m.: commercial alarm (Main Street), services rendered; 9:00 a.m.: medical/general (Church Street); 9:25 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 10:33 a.m.: animal complaint (Main Street), re: missing cat; 11:44 a.m.: medical/general (Northwest Road); 11:59 a.m.:

911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 12:44 p.m.: mv complaint (West Main Street), erratic operator; 1:58 p.m.: fire (G.H. Wilson Road), poss. illegal burn; 1:59 p.m.: elderly matter (Howe Village), issue w/other tenant; 2:26 p.m.: suspicious persons (Mechanic Street), info taken; 3:50 p.m.: medical/general (Old Farm Road); 5:19 p.m.: officer wanted (Thompson Pond Road), re: disturbing texts; 5:33 p.m.: residential fire (Lincoln Street), referred; 5:38 p.m.: 911 call (Main Street), accidental; 6:01 p.m.: officer wanted (Pearl Street), re: cat left in apt.; 6:12 p.m.: building checked, secure; 6:25 p.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 7:28 p.m.: lost/found (Main Street), lost debit card; 7:44 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), apt. lockout; 8:02 p.m.: officer wanted (Greenville Street), spoken to; 8:29 p.m.: officer wanted (Ash Street), req. welfare check; 8:30 p.m.: disorderly conduct (Main Street), John Paul Vincent, 50, 31 Prospect Street, Spencer, possession Class B drug, possession Class E drug, arrest; 8:36 p.m.: officer wanted (Cherry Street), unwanted party; 9:53 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), accidental; (total daily mv stops – 5).

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17**  
12:31 a.m.: medical/general (Main Street); 12:43 a.m.: officer wanted (Grove Street), re: person in road; 2:32 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:07 a.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Brookfield PD bolo/overdue motorist; 5:15 a.m.: disturbance (Wilson Street), poss. injured animal; 8:18 a.m.:

parking complaint (Pleasant Street), resolved; 8:56 a.m.: 911 call (Church Street), open line; 10:09 a.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 1:26 p.m.: 911 call (Pearl Street), open line/hang-up; 3:48 p.m.: 911 call (Maple Street), hang-up/resolved; 4:59 p.m.: residential alarm (G.H. Wilson Road), services rendered; 8:13 p.m.: RV complaint (Lake Street), re: ATV/noise complaint; 8:54 p.m.: medical/general (Valley Street); 10:38 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), req. welfare check; (total daily mv stops – 3).

**MONDAY, AUGUST 18**  
12:37-2:45 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 2:37 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 5:31 a.m.: disturbance (Chestnut Street), noise complaint/neighbors; 8:16 a.m.: abandoned 911 call (Main Street), resolved; 10:28 a.m.: DPW call (Overlook Drive), branch on wires; 10:45 a.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), open line; 11:18 a.m.: fraud (West Main Street), poss. landlord scam; 11:46 a.m.: mv complaint (Wilson Avenue), mv in d/way; 1:38 p.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 3:42 p.m.: mv complaint (Pleasant Street), c/o mvs speeding; 4:19 p.m.: accident (Main Street), report taken; 4:30 p.m.: fire alarm (Paxton Street), referred; 5:07 p.m.: mv complaint (Chickering Road), c/o mvs speeding; 5:33 p.m.: 911 call (Donnelly Road), hang-up; 5:34 p.m.: 911 call (West Main Street), hang-up; 6:30 p.m.: fraud (Howe Village), report taken; 7:28 p.m.: medical/general (Wilson Avenue); 8:02 p.m.: officer wanted (Howe Village), spoken to; 8:51 p.m.: suspicious persons (Chestnut Street), resolved; (total daily mv stops – 2).

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 19**  
12:21 a.m.: medical/general (Maple Street); 12:31 a.m.: officer wanted (Church Street), unwanted party; 12:43 a.m.: disturbance (Church Street), rep. yelling; 1:20-3:17 a.m.: buildings checked, secure; 4:43 a.m.: fire alarm (Bixby Road), referred; 4:44 a.m.: commercial alarm (Chestnut Street), services rendered; 6:53 a.m.: LTC issued (West Main Street), assisted; 9:28 a.m.: medical/general (Irving Street); 10:12 a.m.: DPW call (Charlton Road), debris in road; 10:45 a.m.: medical/general (Howe Village); 11:51 a.m.: medical/general (West Main Street); 1:38 a.m.: citizen complaint (Hastings Road), c/o signs; 1:50 p.m.: accident (Thompson Pond Road), info taken; 3:02 p.m.: medical/general (Roys Drive); 3:10 p.m.: officer wanted (West Main Street), spoken to; 4:24 p.m.: officer wanted (Greenville Street), mv plate lost/stolen; 6:08 p.m.: animal complaint (Pleasant Street), loose dogs; 6:20 p.m.: disturbance (Highland Street), re: domestic dispute; 6:33 p.m.: officer wanted (Main Street), req. welfare check/children; 6:45 p.m.: animal complaint (Prospect Street), re: missing cat; 7:32 p.m.: mv complaint (G.H. Wilson Road), c/o mv speeding; 7:59 p.m.: medical/general (Clark Road); 8:41 p.m.: DPW call (Main Street), hydrant flow test; 8:56 p.m.: officer wanted (Hastings Road), re: lg. trucks backing to Route 31; 9:09 p.m.: mutual aid (West Main Street), Worcester PD/req. welfare check; 11:12 p.m.: commercial alarm (Ash Street), services rendered; 11:33 p.m.: disturbance (Pearl Street), rep. of fight; 11:43 p.m.: 911 call (Lakeshore Drive), open line; (total daily mv stops – 6).



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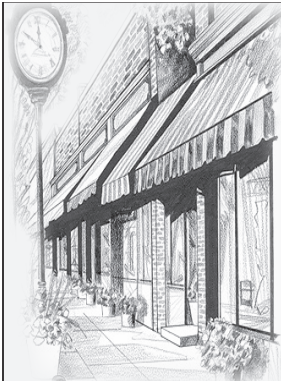
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**Docket No. WO25P2817EA**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
Estate Of:  
**Michael J Bish**  
**Also Known As:**  
**Michael J. Bish, Jr.**  
**Date of Death: 03/16/2025**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Joseph J Ciejk, IV of Ware MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Joseph J Ciejk, IV of Ware MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/16/2025.**  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: August 13, 2025  
Stephanie Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
August 29, 2025

**Notice of Public Hearing—Planning Board**  
The Spencer Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday September 16, 2025 in McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, , 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, and the hearing will be conducted in person and remotely on the following items starting at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard: **Special Permit – Applicant/ Owner: Lussier Enterprises, LLC; Location: 37 Marble Road; Spencer Assessor's Map R14-6-1. The applicant is requesting a Special Permit under 5.3.10 (Rear lot subdivision) of the Spencer Zoning Bylaw in order to establish a rear lot subdivision, creating a separate building lot. The property is located within the Rural Residential zoning district.**  
August 29, 2025  
September 5, 2025

**Town of West Brookfield Zoning Board of Appeals**  
A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the West Brookfield Town Hall, to act on an application for a Special Permit, for Ronald Sicotte, for the property located at 79 Lake View Ave., West Brookfield. The applicant wishes to build a host. A special permit is required as per section(s) -4.2 Nonconforming dimensional requirements (a) (et al).  
August 29, 2025

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**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
Estate Of:  
**Joseph Emil Hebert, Jr.**  
**Date of Death: 07/08/2025**  
To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Lisa M Desosiers of Webster MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Lisa M Desosiers of Webster MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/16/2025.**  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: August 14, 2025  
Stephanie Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
August 29, 2025

**Notice of Public Hearing**  
The North Brookfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 6:15PM at the Senior Center, 29 Forest St., North Brookfield, MA. Public opinion will be received regarding the amendment of the North Brookfield Zoning Map for the Summer St., Bigelow St. and Downey Rd. neighborhood. A propos-

al for changing the R30 District to R11 District will be discussed. Any person interested in being heard or seeking information should appear at the above stated time and place. A copy of the proposed amendments are on file in the office of the Town Clerk, 215 North Main St., North Brookfield, MA.  
William King, Chair  
August 29, 2025  
September 5, 2025

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**Docket No. WO25P2758**  
**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
Estate Of:  
**Michael S Sliwoski**  
**Date of Death: June 3, 2025**  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner  
**Linda A Silwoski of Spencer MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**Linda A Silwoski of Spencer MA** has been informally appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve **without Surety** on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
August 29, 2025



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FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Estate Of:  
Elaine Marie Smith  
Also known as: Elaine Smith  
Date of Death: 02/15/2025**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Donald B Smith of West Brookfield MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that:  
**Donald B Smith of West Brookfield MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/16/2025.**  
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**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: August 11, 2025  
Stephanie Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
August 29, 2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
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Docket No. WO25P0724GD  
NOTICE AND ORDER:  
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor  
In the interests of  
Charlie Andreyah McNeill of Spencer, MA  
Minor  
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

**1. Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 02/28/2025 by Tatyanna A. Santos-McNeill of Worcester, MA will be held **09/15/2025 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing** Located **Worcester Probate & Family Court**  
**2. Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.  
**3. Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.  
**4. Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.  
**5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.  
ORDER TO PETITIONER(S)  
**IT IS ORDERED THAT** copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on the interested party by leaving at and mailing by regular first class mail to

ment of Guardian of a Minor be served in hand on the minor, (if 14 or more years of age and not the petitioner), the guardian, the parents of the minor, and any other person if ordered by the Court, at least **fourteen (14)** days prior to the hearing date listed above. **Service must be made by the sheriff, constable, or other person approved by the Court.**  
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If the identity of whereabouts of an interested party is **not known, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that copies of this Notice and Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on all interested persons at least **fourteen (14)** days prior to the hearing date. If required, service on the United States Veteran Administration and the Department of Children and Families may be accomplished by regular first class mail at least **Seven (7)** days prior to the hearing.  
**THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE:** An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.  
Date: June 30, 2025  
Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate  
August 29, 2025

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
Docket No. WO14P1557GD  
NOTICE AND ORDER:  
Petition for Resignation or Petition for Removal of Guardianship of a Minor  
In the interests of  
Charlie A McNeill of Worcester, MA  
Minor  
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

**1. Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Resignation as Guardian of a Minor or Petition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor filed by Tatyanna A. Santos-McNeill on February 28, 2025 will be held **09/15/2025 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing** Located **Worcester Probate & Family Court**  
**2. Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.  
**3. Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.  
**4. Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.  
**5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.  
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Date: August 8, 2025  
Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate  
August 29, 2025

**Town of Spencer  
Conservation Commission  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
In accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL c. 131, s. 40 and the Spencer Wetlands By-Law:  
**Travis Connor** has filed an **RDA** with the Spencer Conservation Commission to take down 7 trees located at **91 Wilson Avenue, Spencer, MA.**  
**Glenna Stocks** has filed an **RDA** with the Spencer Conservation Commission for trees removed located at **12 Shore Drive, Spencer, MA.**  
**Vladislav Mich** has filed an **RDA** with the Spencer Conservation Commission to erect a shed located at **78 Donnelly Road, Spencer, MA.**  
Applications can be reviewed at the Office of Development and Inspectional Services, Town Hall. A public hearing regarding these filings will be held by the Spencer Conservation Commission in McCourt Social Hall at Town Hall, 157 Main Street, on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at which time all persons having an interest may be present or call in remotely to participate. Conservation Commission meetings open at 6:15 p.m.  
Mary McLaughlin, Chairwoman  
August 29, 2025

**Notice of Public Hearing–  
Planning Board**  
**The Spencer Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Tuesday September 16, 2025 in McCourt Social Hall of Memorial Town Hall, , 157 Main Street, Spencer, MA, and the hearing will be conducted in person and remotely on the following items starting at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be heard:**  
**Public Hearing: Scenic Road — As required by MGL Ch. 40, Sec. 15C of the General Laws of Massachusetts, a public hearing will be held related to tree work associated with tree removal on William Casey Road (from intersection with Jolicoeur Rd.) The applicant is Brande Tarantino with the National Grid Forestry Division,**

**and the work is located within the Rural Residential zoning district and on designated Scenic Roads.**  
August 29, 2025  
September 5, 2025

To the owners of the hereinafter described parcels of LAND situated in the Town of Leicester in the County of Worcester and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to all concerned: You are hereby notified that on Monday, September 15, 2025 at 10:00 AM local time in Leicester Town Hall, 3 Washburn Square, Leicester, MA 01524 in the gymnasium, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Sec 52 and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Treasurer, it is my intention to assign and transfer the Tax Title held by the Town of Leicester covering the following described parcel to the highest bidder at public auction, for all taxes thereon with interest and all necessary and intervening charges of any balance of said taxes, unless the same has been paid in full before that date. The minimum bid for the unit will be the aggregate amount of taxes, interest and fees due on the account for the property that remains on the list below on the day of the Auction. In the event there are multiple parties bidding the same price, the bidding will go up in increments of \$1,000.00. All Bidders must pre-register by Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 2:00 PM. To pre-register, please call the Treasurer's Office at 508-892-7004. Rules of sale will be available at the Office of the Treasurer.  
Honeyman Alexander T. located at 57 BURNCOAT ST in Leicester, MA, containing 0.093 Acres of Land and recorded at the Worcester Registry of Deeds- Book/Page 66497/19.  
Minimum Bid: \$12,027.07  
Honeyman Alexander T. located at BURNCOAT ST in Leicester, MA, containing 0.107 Acres of Land and recorded at the Worcester Registry of Deeds- Book/Page 66497/19.  
Minimum Bid: \$1,056.57  
August 29, 2025

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Notice of owners of funds held by the Town of Leicester and deemed abandoned. Per MGL C200A S9A, unclaimed property less than \$100.00 will become the property of the town on February 29th, 2026; unclaimed property of \$100.00 or more will become the property of the town on August 29th, 2026. To claim owned funds, go to www.leicesterma.org and visit the Treasurer Collector Department Page for a claim form under “Unclaimed Property”.		
Check#	Vendor	Amount
134539	Ibsan H Morales	\$21.69
134568	Paul C Letsky	\$30.76
134691	David Bellantoni	\$71.00
135240	Hickey Fleet Services LLC	\$ 3,134.63
135412	Sara Newberry	\$71.00
135422	Timothy Rehberg	\$95.00
135491	Lydia Ngeru	\$11.58
135548	Vayo Karen Rosella	\$16.63
136199	Matthew Poce	\$450.00
136205	Michelle Parker	\$30.00
136483	Shya A Stephens	\$30.00
137134	Keefe Laporte	\$71.00
137307	Pelletier Keith D	\$138.04
137353	Leicester Fire Fighters Assocation	\$189.62
137679	Concrete Floor Care LLC	\$50.95
137682	Cynthia Krull	\$20.00
137730	Limitless Nutrition	\$18.06
137738	Mattei Realty	\$28.57
137743	Melick & Porter LLP	\$1,008.50
137814	Salon Superior	\$ 6.84
137884	Analisa Curren	\$150.21
137917	Laylah Summers	\$100.00
137963	Affordable Carpentry Inc	\$10.20
138001	Brownie Realty LLC	\$27.45
138167	Foley William F	\$24.41
138170	Gerber Lori A Trustee	\$ 5.70
138185	Hogan Ian	\$18.92
138206	Konopka Alexis Michael	\$16.05
138334	Williamson Timothy D	\$301.28
138442	Spencer Mobile Lock & Key	\$90.00
138540	Crossman Richard E	\$131.01
138560	Jared Gagne	\$104.85
August 29, 2025		



# LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

## BROOKFIELD

Brookfield Ecumenical Food Pantry  
St. Mary’s Church  
4 Howard Street, Brookfield, MA 01506  
Distribution: Wednesday 9:30 AM-11 AM:  
Saturday 9:30 AM-11AM

## CHARLTON

Chip - In Food Pantry  
McKinstry Building  
37 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507  
Distribution: 3rd Saturday 9 AM-12 Noon

St. Joseph’s Church, Charlton  
Tuesday 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday 9-11 a.m.  
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## LEICESTER

Leicester Food Pantry  
St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish  
759 Main Street, Leicester, MA 01524  
Distribution: Tuesday 5 PM-7 PM

## NORTH BROOKFIELD

St. Joseph’s Food Pantry  
Located in the church hall at 296 North Main St.  
North Brookfield  
Distribution is the 1st Thursday of the month  
from 5:00-6:30PM  
the 3rd Thursday of the month from 12 Noon-  
1:15PM  
Any questions should be directed to the Rectory  
office 508 867-6469.  
St. Joseph’s Food Pantry is a community partner  
affiliated with the Worcester County Food Bank.

## OXFORD

Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf  
Oxford Community Center  
4 Maple Road  
Oxford, MA 01540  
Distribution: Thursday 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

## ROCHDALE

The Lord’s Cupboard Food Pantry  
Greenville Baptist Church  
674 Pleasant St.  
Rochdale, MA  
Distribution: Every Monday from 12:00 - 2:00  
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## SOUTHBRIDGE

Saint Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry,  
Located in the St. Anne Church basement,  
16 Church Street, Fiskdale, MA 01518  
Stocked by donations  
Contact: 508-347-6398

## SPENCER- EAST BROOKFIELD - RESIDENTS ONLY

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60 Maple St, Spencer, MA 01562  
Distribution: Thursday 10 AM-12 Noon

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16 Church Street, Fiskdale, MA 01518  
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4 Church St #2  
Webster, MA 0570  
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ROCHDALE VFW POST 7556 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP  
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Christian C. Rutter pictured with members of the Rochdale VFW Post 7556 members. The Rochdale VFW Post 7556 awarded their Annual Scholarship to Christian C. Rutter of Cherry Valley, Massachusetts on August 16, 2025, during their monthly business meeting. Christian is a recent graduate of Leicester High School and will be attending Worcester State University in the fall with focus on Computer Science and a minor in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) studies. Christian is the son of proud parents, Christian L. Rutter and the late Charlene Rutter and the grandson of proud grandparents, Lawrence Sullivan Sr. and Doreen Sullivan. The members of the VFW Post 7556 wish Christian a successful and fulfilling college career and a rewarding and happy life.

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